

Hawthorn Happenings

Parent Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

March Madness, to many people, means watching lots of college basketball games on TV or if you are lucky, live! To the teachers at Hawthorn, March Madness means the final race to teach the students valuable information that will be on their Grade Level Assessments, better known the Missouri Assessment Program or the Terra Nova tests. Be assured our teachers are working hard every day to make sure your child is prepared for these tests that show us what they have learned not only this current school year, but all their years in elementary school.

There are many things you can do at home to help students be prepared for this test as well.

- 1) Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep during our testing and eat a healthy breakfast. Just like an athlete needs to be mentally and physically prepared for the big game, we want our students to be ready to give their best performance and having a good nights' sleep and a full stomach are two ways to help ensure this will happen.
- 2) Make sure your child is at school every day and by 8:45 am. It is very important for an athlete to arrive in plenty of time to warm up for the big game and we need all our students ready and warmed up as well. We begin testing at 9:00 am, and if your child arrives at 9:05 am, they are not allowed in their classroom and will have to do a make-up test. The way for us to get the authentic test results is to have students take the test in their classroom with their peers and their classroom teacher. If they do have to do a make-up, they will be pulled from their classroom when it is conducive to Mrs. Ginestra's schedule.
- 3) Talk to your child about the importance of them giving their best effort. For a team to come out the winner, each athlete must work to have their best performance at each game. Our testing in the spring shows us what students have learned and we need all students to give their best effort so Hawthorn scores reflect our winning team!
- 4) Tell your child to relax! As you watch athletes that perform the best, they are calm and in control of their actions and have spent time practicing their skills. In Park Hill, we place a lot of importance on our spring testing, and this may cause some students to put unneeded stress on themselves. We have had three practice days so far this year to help students know what the testing situation will be like and hope this will help them to be more comfortable.
- 5) Tell your child to make sure they read the directions very carefully and answer all the questions given. While participating in a game, the athletes need to listen carefully to the coach and do their best to follow the play or directions given to them. They need to stay focused. Sometimes students get in a hurry and make silly mistakes. If we can eliminate these types of errors, the students will have a better chance to show us what they have learned while in elementary school.

We are confident our students will be prepared for the GLA and Terra Nova test and with your help coaching them on the five things listed above, I am confident we will have a winning team!

Mrs. Hemaya

Safety Drills

Being prepared for emergencies is a priority for Hawthorn and that is why we do a variety of drills each month/semester. In February we conducted our monthly fire drill and students were able to exit the building in 1 minute and 27 seconds and we were able to account for all students in 4 minutes, 13 seconds. I am impressed with how seriously our students take these drills and know that if we ever had a real emergency, we would be prepared and know exactly what to do.

In March, we will be conducting our monthly Fire Drill and with the spring season upon us, we will also practice our Severe Weather Drill. You may remember last year we had to execute this procedure and the students did a wonderful job, which lets me know our practice paid off!

Open-Enrollment for Early Childhood Education Center

Open Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2012 begins on **Tuesday, March 13th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** for all families new to the Early Childhood Education Center. Part-time and full-time options are available for 3-year-old, 4-year-old, and Pre-K classrooms. Parents must provide a current copy of immunizations and physical examination completed within the past calendar year to enroll. Children must be 3 at the time of attendance and toilet trained. Waiting lists are available for children who do not turn 3 until after the school year begins! Enrollment packets are available online at <http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/ecec/Pages/EarlyChildhoodPreschool.aspx>. Tuition rates for the 2012-2013 school year will be available at time of enrollment.

McTeacher Night

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our McTeacher Night fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 28th. The restaurant was busy from 4:15 until 7:30 ish, and the drive thru was buzzing all night! We were able to raise over \$900.00 and this money will be used by our teachers to purchase teaching resources to be used in their classrooms for your children! I also want to thank our teachers for giving up an hour of their evening to serve you and your family! I know the students love to see their teachers outside of school and having them wait on them at McDonald's is just an added bonus!

Recycling at Hawthorn

Part of Hawthorn's Building School Improvement Plan, BSIP, is to increase our recycling efforts school wide. Each room has a recycling bin for paper products and each "pod" area has a larger bin for "co-mingle" items such as cardboard, aluminum and plastic. We know at Hawthorn recycling is an effort that is good for our environment and also can raise money for our school. We are asking for you to join in our recycling efforts by bringing your recyclable items to Hawthorn when possible. In the corner of the north parking lot are two bins for paper only and next to the school by the large trash dumpster is a "co-mingled" bin which is for cardboard, aluminum, and plastic items. This bin says "cardboard only" on it, but you are able to put the other items in there as well. I am working on getting a new bin that will be placed by the others in the parking lot, but have not completed this task as of yet. Thanks in advance for helping us to not only help our environment, but to help raise money for our school as well. If you have any questions regarding our recycling efforts, please give me a call at 359-4390.

Hawthorn Heroes

Each month at Hawthorn we will be working on a life skill. We will share examples of the life skill over the announcements and students are expected to practice this skill throughout the month. At the end of the month, classroom teachers choose two or three students who did an exemplary job of displaying the monthly life skill and these students are chosen as a Hawthorn Hero. Each Hawthorn Hero will get a sticker to put in your car window if you choose. They will also be recognized by their teacher in front of their peers. Listed below are the life skills for each month this school year.

September—Respect
December—Compassion
March—Perseverance

October—Responsibility
January—Kindness
April—Effort

November—Positive Role Model
February—Honesty
May—Sportsmanship

Borsella	Meinke	Sweney	Cazzell	Hild	Smith	Wells
<i>Paxton King</i>	<i>Namarg Abdelgadir</i>	<i>Katelynn Young</i>	<i>Juah Carmona</i>	<i>Eve Herlyn</i>	<i>Taylor Cozart</i>	<i>Lyric Snyder</i>
<i>Allison Hamilton</i>	<i>Samantha Cox</i>		<i>Lucia Sykes</i>	<i>LesLee Murray</i>	<i>Sophia Allen</i>	<i>Brianna Allen</i>
			<i>Ann Costanzo</i>			
Nicholson	Toyne	White	Coen	Wilson	Webster	Harrison
<i>Alex Dvorak</i>	<i>Philip Dammer</i>	<i>Maggie Farnsworth-McCarter</i>	<i>Grayston DiBlasi</i>	<i>Josh Borst</i>	<i>Montana Elkins</i>	<i>Drake Parsons</i>
<i>Cole Guzzo</i>	<i>Isadora Villanueva</i>	<i>Dylan Flowers</i>	<i>Presley Cathcart</i>	<i>Mackenzie Resch</i>	<i>Dalton Leu</i>	<i>Marissa Whitt</i>
<i>Niki May</i>						
Pickett	Pittman	Andruska	Mestel	Roepe	Lyons	Braudrick
<i>Andrew Horton</i>	<i>Kirsten Jackson</i>	<i>Gabe White</i>	<i>Mazel David</i>	<i>Senay Clark</i>		<i>Megan Haley</i>
<i>Tucker Hey</i>	<i>Ola Kalisz</i>	<i>Alexa Lashbrook</i>	<i>Tyler Bourque</i>	<i>Henry Deng</i>		
<i>Brianna McCoy</i>	<i>Jack Hogan</i>			<i>Colby Pike</i>		

Spring Break

Park Hill School District will be having our Spring Break the week of March 19th through the 23rd. I hope everyone has a fun, safe week and students spend some time reading a favorite book during this week to keep their reading skills sharpened!

Important Dates:

March 5th—GLA/MAP Practice Day for Grades 3—5
 March 6th—PTA Meeting—6:30 Pm in the Media Center
 March 8th—Park Hill Athletics Competition at Plaza Middle School
 March 8th—Park Hill Board of Education Meeting—7:00 pm at Central Office
 March 9th—End of 3rd Quarter
 March 10th—Hawthorn Mercury Gymnastics Night
 March 12th—No School for Students—Teacher Work Day
 March 15th—2nd Grade Musical
 March 19th—23rd—No School—Park Hill Spring Break
 March 28th—Park Hill Education Foundation “Night with the Stars”
 March 29th—Hawthorn Book Fair/Science Fair Night—4:30 to 6:30 pm
 March 31st—Northland Ethnic Festival

